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went out of his way to support and canvass for Mr. Simmonds?—I made a mistake in mentioning the name as Simon, because Simon is so much in the air now."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I do not think the Collector went out the way to support any particular candidate."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Is it not within the knowledge of the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government that when the Collector himself proposes a particular candidate when other people are available for proposing, it will be taken by other members that the Collector is actually canvassing for a particular candidate?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is asking for opinion."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether we are to understand that the Collector did not go out of his way when he did a certain amount of canvassing for a particular gentleman, Mr. Simmonds?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I do not think my hon. Friend is right in his inference."

Provision of conveyances for Muslim girls' school at Krishnagiri.

* 1494 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no conveyance for the Muslim girls' school at Krishnagiri; and

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to provide the school with adequate conveyance?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know if the Government will call for the information and take the necessary steps?"

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"No answer, Sir"?

Elected presidents for Hospet and Harpanahalli Taluk Boards.

* 1495 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Board of Bellary included in one of its recent annual reports a resolution of the Board to throw open for election the presidentships of the taluk boards of Hospet and Harpanahalli;

(b) whether the Government have taken any and, if so, what action on the above resolution; and

(c) when the posts of the presidents of the above two taluk boards will fall vacant and by what method—whether by election or by nomination—they are to be filled up?

A.—(*a*) Yes; in the Administration Report for 1926–27.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government are waiting for a report from the President, District Board.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the hon. the Minister had stated that if the local body, the district board, recommended favourably, he would accept it? I want to know whether he stated so or not."

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As it has been stated in answer to clauses (b) and (c), the Government are waiting for the report of the president of the district board."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I want to know whether the action to be taken by the Government will not depend on the recommendation of the local body concerned, and whether the Minister has not said so sometime ago ? "

The hon Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The report of the president of the district board will naturally deal with that position."

Alleged irregularities in the election of the Bellary District Board President.

* 1496 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the election of the President of the District Board of Bellary was held on 28th November last ;

(b) whether one of the candidates was the President of the Board on the day of election ; and

(c) whether the Government have taken any and, if so, what action to set right the irregularity in respect of the nomination of an existing President as one of the candidates ?

A.—(a) Yes,

(b) Yes,

(c) There was no irregularity,

Nomination of Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar to Bellary District Board.

* 1497 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar was nominated to the Bellary District Board ;

(b) for what period he was nominated and when that period expired ; and

(c) whether he now continues to be a member of the Board and if so, how ?

A.—(a) & (b) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar Avargal was appointed Member of the Bellary District Board from 20th October 1925. The period of his appointment as a nominated member expired on 8th December 1925 when he was elected as President, District Board, from which date he became ex-officio member by virtue of section 14 (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

(c) He is now ex-officio member of the Board as he was re-elected as President, District Board, with effect from 11th December 1928.